

4 September 2013

Mr Sam Haddad
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Dear Mr Haddad

**Royal Rehabilitation Centre Modification 6
(MP08_0054 Mod 6)**

I refer to the letter from the Executive Director, Development Assessment systems and Approvals dated 3 September 2013 referring the above modification application to the Planning Assessment Commission for determination under Ministerial delegation.

I have considered the application and the Department's Assessment Report. I note that there were no submissions received from the public, or Ryde City Council or public agencies.

The Department's assessment concluded that the proposed modifications would have minimal impacts on the local road network or the surrounding areas. They will improve the design, functionality and usability of the health facility. In my view, the increased setback from the eastern boundary will improve the environment between the development and its neighbour. The enlarged setback area allows additional landscaping to provide better visual screening of the General Store/Medical Centre Building and the parking station from its neighbour. The approved Landscape Plan should be updated to include additional plantings in this setback area.

I am satisfied that the Department's assessment has addressed the identified issues adequately and the recommendation to grant conditional approval is reasonable.

The modification application is approved as recommended subject to conditions. The Department's file and signed instrument of approval are returned.

Yours sincerely



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Chair
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